The Select men of the Town of Boston

Boston Nov. 17th 1773

Gentn.

Whereas at the late meeting of the Town their Committee applied to Messrs. Rich.d Clark &c. supposed consignees of Teas to be exported by the East India Comp.y to this Port, who then declined giving satisfaction to the Town who requested their resignation of said Consignments; assigning for reason that they were not sufficiently informed upon what terms the Teas would come out on — The town being now justly & highly alarm.d with the Hourly expectation of the arrival of said Teas, & apprehending that said Consignees are now thoroughly apprised of the conditions upon which the India Comp.a are exporting this detestable commodity in to America we the Subscribers request that the Town may as soon as possible, be called together to consult whether further application shall be made to said Consignees, or otherwise to act as the Town shall think proper on the present dangerous & alarming exigence

Will.m Powell

Thos. Hancock Jun.r

James Otis

Joseph Warren

Mylat.s Bourn

John Scollay

Moses Gill

Eleazer Johnson

Thomas Lee

Jos Henderson

Wm Foster

Tho. Walley

Bofsenger Foster

John Langdon

Peter Boyer

John Sweetser jr

Nat Barber

Nath. Appleton

Joseph H. Palmer

Step. Bowe

Jam. Swan

Jn Winthrop Jr

John Marston

Joshua Pico

Nathan Spear

Petition for a Town
Meeting Decr. 10. 1773

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